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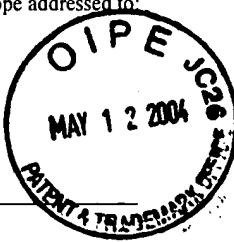
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Peter Wagner, et al.

Application No.: 09/820,210

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SITE-SPECIFIC COVALENT  
BIOCONJUGATION OF PROTEINS

Examiner: Ceperley, Mary

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time in the interview of March 16, 2004.

In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. With this submission, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above identified application under 37 CFR §1.114. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompany this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.